

Department of Defense Impact Aid

**Proposed Recipient:** DOD Education Agency

**Address of Recipient:** 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Webb Bldg; Arlington, VA 22203

**Amount of Request:** \$60,000,000

**Explanation of Request:**

**Purpose:** Men and women serving our country rely on local school districts to provide quality education and counseling programs in a safe and secure environment for their children. Public schools in the U.S. educate more than 500,000 children of military personnel. Today's military are proud to serve our Nation. We must continue to support them as they deploy to fight the Global war on Terrorism by taking care of their families. Congress began the DOD Impact Aid funding in 1990 to help school districts with high concentrations of military students. In order to qualify, a school district must have an enrollment of at least 20% children of military personnel. Currently 120 School Districts qualify for the program

**Why is it a good use of Taxpayer funds:** Continued Congressional support for the DOD Impact Aid funding for military children is more important today than ever 50% of today's military leaders are former military dependents. Good schools support readiness, recruitment, and retention programs in an all-volunteer service. Schools are a key component in a quality of life program for military families. Funding enables school districts to meet the needs of military children and their parents to deal with stress from long deployments. Provides funding for school districts to address physical security needs related to terrorism.